Ministry to monitor and review the progress at various fora and impress upon the State Government to complete this work expeditiously. So far, 582 districts and 2970 tehsils/taluks all over the country have been brought under the scheme.

Diversion of money provided under Employment Guarantee scheme

1163. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government has diverted over Rs. 5,500 crore of employment Guarantee Scheme towards pending salaries of State employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to close down the scheme in the State due to this reasons;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures suggested by Government for proper utilisation of money provided for the scheme by State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development does not implement the Employment Guarantee Scheme which is a State Sector Scheme of Maharashtra Government.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Construction of Roads in inaccessible villages of Koraput district in Orissa

1164. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project has been drawn up to construct roads to link about 200 inaccessible villages in Koraput district of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the project and the total outlay involved; and